to liberty and joy at least sixteen thousand men, who, upon an average, must have a hundred thousand persons benefited and rejoiced by their deliverance.

Madame Cacciapore may, indeed, as well remain where she is, instead of returning to Rome, for by this time Bonaparte is Dictator there. I think it would have answered political purposes better if he had pursued the Germans through the Tyrol, and not given them time to rally; but probably his journey to Rome originated in vanity, and his agreement with Spain to add to the power of Parma, Tuscany and Naples, at the expense of the Pope; otherwise, except plunder, what influence can the fate of poor Rome have upon the conditions of the peace ?

I have a note from Madame d'Angevillers. She lives at Versailles in complete retirement. Her husband is at some Court in Germany.

February 19th, 1797.

I have just been sitting with Mesdames de Beauveau and de Poix. The latter is

nearly as I left her—the former older in her looks, *politiquant*